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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT
FROM DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING NOVEMBER 23. QUOTE:

Q: ONE OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF THE
OIL SAID THAT IF THERE WERE ANY ECONOMIC COUNTER MEASURES
BY THE UNITED STATES OR THE WEST, SAUDI ARABIA WOULD CUT
ITS PRODUCTION BY 80 PERCENT, AND IF THERE WERE MILITARY
ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES, IT WOULD DESTROY ITS OIL
FIELDS. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THIS?

A. WELL, LOOK, EVERY TIME ANYONE MENTIONS ANYTHING I DON'T
WANT TO SAY "GO BACK AND LOOK AT WHAT THE SECRETARY OF
STATE JUST SAID." BUT I WOULD JUST RECALL WHAT IS
INVOLVED HERE--AND I DON'T WANT TO RESPOND SPECIFICALLY TO
THAT STATEMENT OF MR. YAMANI. I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT
THE CONTEXT. AND IT HAS BEEN SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN
WHAT THE CONTEXT IS. WE ARE TRYING TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES
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WHICH WILL LEAD TOWARDS A JUST PEACE. WE HAVE ASSOCIATED

OURSELVES, WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO A RESOLUTION BASED ON UN RESOLUTION 242. WE PREFER TO CONCENTRATE ON SEEING HOW FAR PRAGMATICALLY WE CAN GO IN THIS DIRECTION. AND THERE IS NO POINT IN GOING INTO DETAILS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL. SO I THINK THERE IS NO POINT IN GOING INTO THAT DIRECT QUOTATION ANY FURTHER THAN

THAT. THE SECRETARY WAS VERY CLEAR WHEN HE SPOKE ON THIS WEDNESDAY.

Q: IN THAT SAME CONTEXT, THOUGH, DO YOU TAKE THE WORDS OF MR. YAMANI TO BE OUT OF CONFORMITY WITH THE DEFINITION OF ARAB RESPONSIBILITY WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS SPEAKING OF?

A: DAN, I AM NOT GOING TO GIVE ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF MR. YAMANI'S REMARKS AT ALL. I AM JUST MERELY GOING TO STICK THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS EFFORT, IN WHICH WE HAVE OUR POSITION, AND I AM GOING TO STOP RIGHT THERE. AND I SEE NOTHING HELPFUL IN TRYING TO ATTRIBUTE ANYTHING TO HIS REMARKS ON THIS MATTER.

Q: HOW LONG WOULD AN UNREASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME BE?

A: I AM NOT GOING TO DEFINE A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME, EITHER. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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